

## Hiking

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### CHAPMAN GULCH TRAIL, #1920: IN HUNTER-FRYINGPAN WILDERNESS

Length: 5.2/8.3 mi/km                      Difficulty: moderate (difficult to find)  
Elevation Gain: 2,200 ft.                      Use: light  
Beginning Elev: 10,000 ft.                      End Elev: 12,200 ft.  
USGS Map(s): Meredith and Mt. Champion

Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG: 39.15.44.1N/106.37.46.2W  
UTM: 0359421E, 4346861N

**ACCESS:** From Carbondale travel east on Hwy 82 to Basalt. Turn left at the stoplight and follow the Fryingpan River Road from Basalt, 28 miles to the Norrie Colony. Turn right on road #504 and drive past the houses and continue up the switchbacks. The road will fork approximately 3 miles from Norrie. Turn left at the fork. Continue 1 mile and take the right fork up to Chapman Gulch. The trailhead is at the diversion tunnel site.

**NARRATIVE:** The first 2 miles of this trail are well marked and maintained. The remainder of the trail is not maintained and hard to find. However, this trail is a favorite for those who like bushwacking and exploring little used areas. This trail is not recommended for horse travel due to the condition of the trail.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Wilderness areas are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not a renewable resource. Any careless act can upset this natural balance and result in destruction. By following these ethics and regulations you can help protect and preserve the natural features of the Wilderness for future visits. **Please respect the land and rights of others!**

- Out of consideration for others and wildlife - **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH.**
- Trash - **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
- Limit group sizes to 25 people and/or stock/pack animals.
- **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 - 8 inches in the soil.
- Lightweight campstoves are recommended and required above the timberline.
- Camp 100 feet from water and trails, and use existing sites when possible.
- Do not wash or bathe in lakes or streams. Use biodegradable soap far from water source.
- Stay on trail and do not shortcut switchbacks, which cause erosion.